

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Planning/Voting Meeting
High School Auditorium
August 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Thomas Bodnovich, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Board members present: Thomas A. Bodnovich, Sandra Clutter, Scott Day, Colleen Interval, Jack Keisling, James Knapp, Tamara Salvatori and Dennis McWreath

Others present: Paul T. Kasunich, Superintendent; Yvonne Beverina Weaver, Assistant Superintendent; James Shargots, Director of Fiscal Services/Board Secretary; Dennis Makel, Solicitor and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Absent: Henry Clemens

1. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to add item 5.4, the approval of Kimberly Umbel as a long-term substitute for high school English first semester and as a casual day to day substitute second semester to the agenda and delete item 5.5, the recommendation for a substitute high school chemistry teacher from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weaver recognized Sherry Knight, recipient of the Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award and thanked Washington County Community Foundation, Inc. for a \$1000 contribution as part of the award for support of the Asian Arts & Culture Class taught by Mrs. Knight.

2. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the minutes of the July 1 planning, July 15 regular and July 29 special meetings of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA AND NON AGENDA ITEMS

Alice Lee, South Strabane Township, spoke in support of retaining the string specialist position at the Middle School.

Frances Eates, North Franklin Township, commented on the Operational Plan and the proposed elimination of general studies.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Scott Day, Chairperson

3. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori, to approve the following:
- Treasurer’s Report for June 2010, as submitted (Enclosure 4.1)
 - Payment of General Fund bills as submitted (Enclosures 4.2)
 - Reimbursement of retiree health insurance costs as submitted (Enclosure 4.4)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Interval to approve the Middle School Activities Account, Extra Curricular Account Reports as submitted (Enclosures 4.3)

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shargots gave an update on the 2009-2010 budget indicating that he projected between a \$200,000 and \$250,000 surplus.

Mr. Day noted that the feasibility of podcasting board meetings was being investigated and the cost would be reported in September with the first podcast tentatively scheduled for the October meeting.

PERSONNEL/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – John Keisling, Chairperson

5. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to approve the following personnel items, pending the verification of clearances for any employment:
- A Family Medical Leave for Susan Laayouni, high school French teacher, effective approximately October 15, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks
 - A Family Medical Leave for Melanie M. Rush, high school chemistry teacher, effective August 23, 2010 not to exceed 12 weeks
 - A Family Medical Leave effective May 26, 2010 not to exceed 12 weeks, followed by an unpaid medical leave as per Article XII, section 12.6 of the custodial/maintenance contract for Robert D. Hall
 - Kimberly Umbel as a long-term substitute 1st semester, high school English; 2nd semester casual day to day substitute
 - Substitute teachers, clerical, cafeteria, van drivers, bus drivers and custodial personnel as submitted

- Joette Grey as a part- time cafeteria worker effective the 2010-11 school year
- Kristian Damaska (Middle School reading teacher) as the JV golf coach, effective August 16, 2010 at the 7th year salary of \$3000
- Larry Myers (High School social studies teacher) as the M.S. girls volleyball coach, effective August 16, 2010 at the 11th year salary of \$4000
- Briane Agostinelli as girls varsity assistant soccer coach, effective August 16, 2010, at the first year salary of \$2000
- Brian Gmutza as boys varsity assistant soccer coach, effective August 16, 2010 at the first year salary of \$2000
- Change of status for Jason Rice from 9th grade second assistant football coach to volunteer assistant football coach effective August 16, 2010
- Craig Gnagey as the 9th grade second assistant football coach, effective August 16, 2010 at the first year salary of \$1500
- The resignation of Sarah Snyder, Middle School music teacher, effective August 20, 2010
- The resignation of Amanda Constantin, Reading Specialist, effective August 20, 2010
- Mary Ellen Jutka as a volunteer Girls J.V. Tennis Coach

Motion carried unanimously; Mrs. Clutter abstained from the vote on substitute teaches, clerical, cafeteria, van driver, bus drivers and custodial personnel.

6. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to employ Donald McWreath as a permanent sub van driver for the 2010-11 school year at \$10 per hour
Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention (McWreath)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson

7. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mr. Bodnovich to contract with the Western Pennsylvania Educational Leadership Initiative through the University of Pittsburgh. The cost for participation for the 2010-2011 school year is \$12,500.
Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Mr. McWreath, seconded by Mrs. Keisling to approve Kelsey Laurine to attend McGuffey High School as a full time tuition student in the VoAg/FFA agricultural program.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION/BUILDING & GROUNDS – Henry Clemens, Chairperson

9. Motion by Mr. Day, seconded by Mrs. Salvatori to award the bid for security cameras for the elementary schools to Horizon Information Services in the amount of \$73,150.

Motion carried unanimously.

The report on the Structural Inspection of Hiller Stadium Bleachers was reviewed.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Colleen Interval, Chairperson

10. Motion by Mr. Keisling, seconded by Mrs. Clutter to approve the second reading of revised policy 815 – District Internet Safe and Acceptable Use for District Technology and Related Resources.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McWreath recommended revisions to the first reading of revised policy 008 – Organization Chart to include the Assistant Director of Fiscal Services and Staff be added under the Director of Fiscal Services and the Middle School and Assistant Director of Activities under the Director of Athletics and Activities.

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER – James Knapp, Representative

Mr. Knapp noted that the district has 76 students enrolled at the Vo Tech and would like to explore ways to increase that enrollment.

NORTH FRANKLIN BUSINESS & RECREATION AUTHORITY – Scott Day, Representative

No Report

CITIZENS LIBRARY – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

Mrs. Salvatori noted the District's donation of \$26,000 to the library; she indicated that the library is always looking for donations. Currently they are exploring ways to provide free or reduced parking to their customers.

PSBA LIAISON – Tamara Salvatori, Representative

Mrs. Salvatori encouraged the Board members to participate in PSBA surveys.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Bodnovich reported the following:

- Board Meetings will be held September 2, 2010 – Planning Meeting and September 16, 2010 – Voting meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting – September 7, 2010, 4:00 p.m. - Board Room, Trinity Hall
- An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. this evening to discuss personnel.

Mr. Bodnovich called to recess the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m., followed by Dr. Kasunich’s presentation of the Operational Plan.

11. Motion by Mr. Bodnovich, seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

James R. Shargots, Secretary
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